

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title of the application as follows:

Please amend or add the following paragraph(s) in the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 50, line 3 with the following substitute paragraph:

A[[baseball or softball]] ball bat configured to allow the removal and replacement of a barrel assembly [[of the bat]]for enabling selection of a barrel having particular performance characteristics or [[simply]]if the barrel is damaged. [[Alternatively, the]]The barrel assembly may be selectively changed to meet certain regulation requirements. [[In particular, the barrel assembly or other]]A bat component can also include a ballast for selectively providing the ball bat with a particular weight. The ballast can be provided as a tube of thin film in the barrel assembly. The thin film ballast tube also forms a tamper resistant shield to inhibit modification of components inside the barrel section. [[In one aspect, one]]One or more components of the ball bat can be provided as a kit. [[In one aspect, the]]The kit may be a barrel assembly kit. [[In another aspect, the]]The ball bat can be made by forming and assembling the components simply and inexpensively. [[The reconfigurable ball bat include a center tube or handle, a transition, and a barrel some]]Some or all of[[which]]the components can be separably combined during assembly.